

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Department of the Environment



NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY

GREEN FAITH BASED INITIATIVE

The District Department of Environment (DDOE) is soliciting applications to implement a Green Faith Initiative (GFI) to provide training and education in energy conservation to the District's faith-based community. This Request for Applications (RFA) is RFA #2010-ARRA-SEP-GRNFTH.

The primary function of the "Green Faith Initiative" is to reach out to the District's numerous faith-based institutions and places of worship with energy efficiency workshops and other educational programs focusing on the benefits of energy conservation and operating in a sustainable manner. The project will also educate faith-based institutions on availability of free energy audits and other incentives and services that may be available from DDOE and other sources. The target audience includes the diverse mixture of District-wide faith-based institutions. These efforts will benefit the faith-based institution and their members by providing the tools to assess energy performance of their facilities and begin to employ energy reduction measures, reducing overhead costs and worshipping in an environment that promotes the well being of not only its parishioners, but the community as a whole.

This project will be funded by DDOE using federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds provided by the US Department of Energy's (USDOE) State Energy Program (SEP). The maximum grant period will run from the date of full execution of a Sub-Grant Agreement through March 31, 2012, unless terminated earlier as set forth herein. However, DDOE anticipates awarding the subgrant as soon as possible with work beginning in the Summer of 2010 and extending as long as the funding will allow. In addition to the USDOE and District reporting requirements, the Sub-Recipient shall comply with all ARRA requirements.

Length of Awards: Grant award will be made for a period of approximately 18 months (ending no later than March 31, 2012), pending funding availability and the successful implementation of the proposed program.

Available Funding for Awards: Subject to the availability of funds, up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in ARRA SEP funding may be available for this project.

Anticipated number of awards: One (1).

The Request for Applications (RFA) #2010-ARRA-SEP-GRNFTH will be released on May 21, 2010 and the **deadline for submission is Friday, June 11, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.** The RFA will be available on DDOE's website, www.green.dc.gov, or by contacting the DDOE contact identified below.

DDOE will select a panel to review all applications. The review panel will review, score and rank each applicant's proposal. When the review panel has completed its review, the panel shall make recommendations for awards based on the scoring process. DDOE will make the final decisions. DDOE reserves the right to reject all grant applications or to reissue the RFA.

For additional information regarding this competition, please contact Mr. Charles T. Satterfield, II, Energy Program Specialist, at the address below or charles.satterfield@dc.gov:

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